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LAHEY PORTRAIT UNVEILED

A portrait of the late Dr. Frank H. Lahey was unveiled and a surgical suite dedicated in his memory at the annual meeting of the corporation and trustees on February 16. Dr. Warren F. Cook offered a memorial prayer and read the litany. The following are excerpts from the memorial address given by Dr. Richard B. Cattell:

"The development of this hospital to its present effectiveness parallels the time of the lifework of the man we honor today.

"We of the New England Deaconess Hospital family meet here today to honor one of the great physicians associated with this hospital. He was not only a great surgeon and physician but a staunch friend and benefactor of the institution.

"Visitors from far and wide recognized his achievements by attending his operative clinics, where he took great pains to demonstrate the methods he had tried out and shown to be effective. He stated many times that it was the duty of physicians not only to care for their patients directly but to improve patient care as widely as possible by demonstrating proved methods.

"From the lecture platform, in medical publications and in conversations he continued to give his experience to all who wished it. In his characteristic lucid, concise and succinct style, he helped to further medical progress particularly in the fields of thyroid, gallbladder and gastrointestinal surgery.

"He had a great faculty for sizing up a special problem and reducing it to a clear, simple term. With ingenuity he modified and developed new surgical techniques and was constantly striving to improve his own work.

Distinguished Service Record

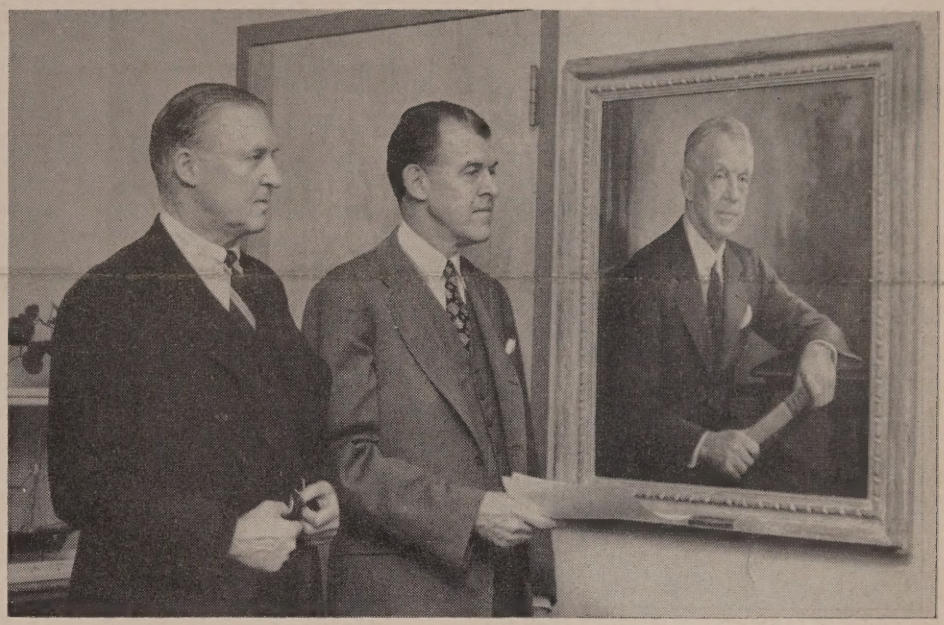
"His service to his country in two World Wars was distinguished. He was a Major in an Army Medical Corps in World War I, serving as Director of Surgery in Evacuation Hospital Number 30. In his presidential address before the Interstate Postgraduate Assembly he outlined his views relative to the physician's responsibility for military service, just preceding the second World War. He was soon to be selected as Chairman of the new Procurement and Assignment Service for Medical Personnel, which permitted a better utilization of physicians and adequate protection for the medical care of the civilian population. He became Chairman of the Board of Honorary Consultants to the United States Navy. He served on the committee of the President for the establishment of new physical standards for induction into military service.

Association with the Deaconess

"Dr. Lahey's association with the New England Deaconess Hospital continued throughout his professional life from the time he was established in practice until his death. He established very early a metabolism laboratory in this hospital which was originally run by his associate, Dr. Sara M. Jordan. As his clinic developed more and more patients were admitted to this hospital. He used his influence to keep the hospital up to date and to gain financial support for it. For a number of years he was Surgeon-in-Chief.

"The real mark of this man we honor was in his daily work with patients. He had a profound sympathy for patients' problems and for their families' anxiety and apprehension. He always took time to reassure the patient and his visits always left them greatly cheered. Many families will never forget the kind understanding he gave to their distressing problems.

"We know that this portrait will be a constant reminder of what Dr. Lahey did for this hospital and it will serve as an inspiration for those traversing this lobby so that all the New England Deaconess Hospital family will strive to emulate him in the relief of suffering and illness of those patients entering its doors."



(photo by J. Coyne)

PAYING TRIBUTE to the late Dr. Frank H. Lahey at the unveiling of his portrait were Mr. Francis W. Capper, Chairman of the Executive Committee (left) and Dr. Richard B. Cattell, Director and President of the Lahey Clinic.

CANCER AWARD

An American Cancer Society certificate of award was presented recently to Dr. Colin J. E. Wright, a British American Exchange fellow, in recognition of his program of advanced training for cancer research.

Dr. Wright, a pathologist educated at Leeds University in England, is doing his work at the Cancer Research Institute under the guidance of Dr. Shields Warren.

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NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Mr. William E. Worcester, Jr., was recently appointed Assistant Director of the Deaconess Hospital. Before assuming his duties here, he was Assistant Administrator of The Memorial Hospital, Worcester, Mass.

Mr. Worcester was born in Media, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. During his high school years he managed the baseball team and played in the school orchestra.

A graduate of the University of Vermont, he managed the college football team, was active in the reorganization and management of the University Outing Club, and played in both the band and orchestra.

Before entering the field of hospital administration, Mr. Worcester held administrative and management positions in business firms. He served as a Captain in the Medical Administrative Corps in a station hospital in Europe during World War II.

Our new assistant director has a Master of Science degree in hospital administration from Columbia University and completed his administrative residency at the New York Hospital - Cornell Medical Center.

Mr. Worcester enjoys fishing, badminton and skiing. He is a nominee of the American College of Hospital Administrators.

FIRST AID

Instructions in First Aid procedures are being given to all employees in a series of demonstrations sponsored by the First Aid Room. The subjects of the demonstrations to be held on March 2, 9, and 23, and April 9 in the Joslin Auditorium, are the following: Artificial Respiration, Circulatory, Fracture Splinting, and Transportation.

All employees are urged to attend the meetings. Anyone interested in participating in the program should contact Mrs. Quinn in the First Aid Room.

DID YOU KNOW?

. . . that in 1953 the Red Cross procured, for all purposes, 4,121,200 donations of blood through its blood programs and defense centers and from cooperating blood banks.

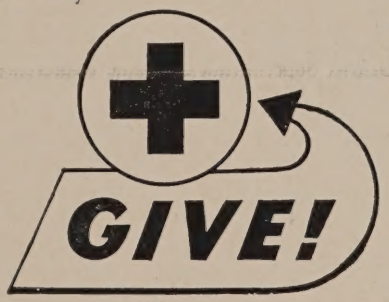
. . . that from 1944, when it first began distribution of gamma globulin, through 1953, the Red Cross turned over to physicians and public health agencies approximately 17,000,000 cc. of this blood derivative for the prevention or modification of measles, hepatitis, and polio.

. . . that Chapter Home Service workers helped 105,200 service families each month and $3,735,200 was made available during the year for emergency financial needs and for basic maintenance.

. . . that in 1953 Red Cross workers at military posts and hospitals helped 117,200 servicemen each month and $6,736,306 in financial assistance was provided during the year.

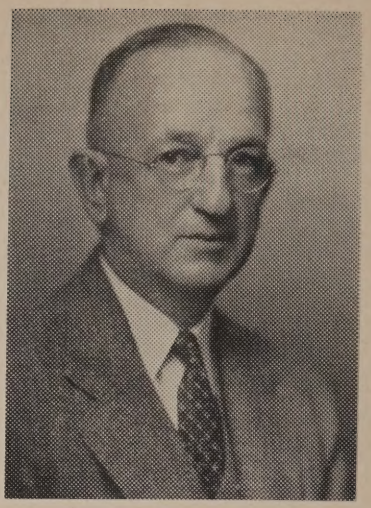
. . . that the Red Cross conducted disaster relief operations in 45 states, Alaska, and three insular possessions last year.

. . . that approximately 70 cents of every Red Cross disaster relief dollar is spent for rehabilitation aid in the local community.



A Red Cross drive will be conducted throughout the hospital from March 5 - 12 under the direction of Miss Ellen Adams. The drive will be on a cash basis; no payroll deductions will be made.

Remember that you are the Red Cross. In your hands is the measure of what it can do in the year ahead for the stricken and troubled. Answer their call — give to the 1954 Red Cross drive.



STANLEY O. MacMULLEN HONORED

Stanley O. MacMullen, former chairman of the executive committee of the Deaconess, was named to the Methodist Hall of Fame at the Methodist Hospitals and Homes Convention.

The honor is given for outstanding service in philanthropy and hospital work. Mr. MacMullen was chairman of the hospital executive committee for twenty-four years, and has been a trustee of the Deaconess for thirty years.

Besides his work at the Deaconess, he was a member of the executive committee of the Methodist Board of Publications for more than 20 years and until recently was treasurer of the New England Preachers' Aid Society of the New England Methodist Conference. Mr. MacMullen is now president of the Board of Trustees of the Newtonville Methodist Church, and was formerly president of the Morgan Memorial Board of Trustees.

A WORD TO THE WISE

The following are the most common accidents that occurred in the hospital during 1953. Let's shorten this list for the future.

Lacerations from broken glass (some with sutures taken)	21
Slipping on wet floors (2 with broken ribs)	17
Burns from hot fluids or steam	20
Burns from hot objects	17
Falling downstairs or off ladder, etc.	13
Arm or leg caught in or between doors	12
Cuts from metal objects (open cans, door hinges, etc., 1 caught in meat chopper)	21
Cuts from knives	12
Splinters	7
Foreign bodies or solutions in the eye	7
Bumping into objects	8
Dropping objects while at work (1 broken denture and 1 chip fracture)	7
Foreign bodies in hand (wire, staples, etc.)	2
Cutting heel with cart	2
Running stretcher over foot	1
Back strain from excessive lifting	11
Spraining arms and legs from lifting and reaching	5

(photo by J. Coyne)

CHAPLAIN RUDOLPH SAMUELSON

Chaplain Samuelson recently attended the annual convention of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, and also the convention of the American Protestant Association, both held in Chicago. Chaplain Samuelson received the honor extended to Mr. MacMullen by the convention, as Mr. MacMullen was not able to be there in person.

CANCER GRANT FOR RESEARCH TO DEACONESS

A $10,000 research grant from the American Cancer Society has been made to the Deaconess Hospital for studies involving the use of the Polaroid color translation ultra-violet microscope.

In addition, the American Cancer Society's Massachusetts Division has awarded $4,347 to the Deaconess Hospital for a study of the life history of cancer of the lung, as determined from surgical and autopsy findings. "Because of the current interest in the relationship of cancer of the lung to smoking," the announcement stated, "it is particularly important to get as sound data on the life history of the disease as possible." The study, to be conducted under the direction of Dr. Olive Gates, will seek to trace the patterns by which lung cancer begins and grows.

Under a second grant of $1,500 from the Massachusetts Division, Dr. William A. Meissner will make an evaluation of so-called "pre-cancerous" lesions in the lung, with special reference to their association with cancer, occupation, smoking habits, age, and sex.

ANNUAL MEETING

The formal installation of Robert D. Lowry as Executive Director of the Deaconess took place at the annual meeting of the corporation and trustees on February 16th. The service of induction was read by Bishop John Wesley Lord.

The following members were added to the Board of Trustees:

James F. Farr
Partner in the law firm of Haussermann, Davison, and Shattuck

Frank H. McGowan
Treasurer, William Bailey Company

William W. Wolbach
Vice-President, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company

New Corporation Members Are:

John Barnard, Jr.
Lawyer-Gaston, Snow, Rice & Boyd

H. Bigelow Emerson
Salesman, W. E. Sibley & Co.

F. Gorham Brigham, Jr.
Secretary and Assistant Treasurer, Saco-Lowell Shops

Lawrence H. Hansel
President and Director, The Felters Co.

George Rohrbough
President, Chandler School for Women

Louis Van N. Washburn
Washburn Co. — Investments

Dr. Robert Oxnam
Vice President, Boston University

Lloyd B. Carswell
General Manager, Sheraton Plaza Hotel

Humphrey H. Swift
Clerk of Corporation and Director, Swift & Anderson, Inc.

William W. Wolbach
Vice-President, Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company

Robert M. Jenney
Vice President and Director, Jenney Manufacturing Co.

Rev. J. Tremayne Copplestone
Editor, Zions Herald

Rev. John D. Erb
Minister, Copley Methodist Church

Rev. Henry E. Helms
Executive Secretary, Morgan Memorial, Inc.

William B. Rice II
Trustee, estate of W. B. Rice

Rev. Alfred G. Hempstead
District Superintendent, Maine Conference Augusta District

Rev. Lawrence D. Porter
District Superintendent, Maine Conference Portland District

MRS. JAMESON ELECTED TO NEW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Gertrude Jameson, Social Service Director, was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the newly formed New England Committee of the International Conference of Social Work.

HEARTS AND HEART THROBS

Harris Hall was a pretty picture of red and white cupids and hearts at the Valentine's Dance held by the student nurses on February 12th. Many thanks are extended by the students to Dr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Harding, and Mr. and Mrs. Puckett who were chaperones for the evening, and to Miss Preston who supervised the affair.

IN APPRECIATION

The following is one of many thank you letters sent to the Deaconess:

"I wish to express my deep appreciation for the wonderful care and attention I received while a patient at your hospital.

"I can't say enough praise for all the nurses, the staff in the X-Ray rooms, the woman at the desk who had to answer for the many telephone calls, and even the cleaning woman who came in every morning with a cheery 'good morning,' and last, but not least, the wonderful food; everything was so delicious and served so attractively I shall never have a fear again of going — if I can go to the Deaconess — again, many thanks."

Sincerely yours,
Anne Whittaker

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Hester Root, wife of Dr. Howard F. Root, died in her sleep on February 9th. Mrs. Root was a charter member and director of the Friends of the Deaconess. Illness had kept her from taking an active part in the work of the organization during the last few years.

Mrs. Root was very active in the work of the Old South Church. She was the only woman ever to serve as President of the Church Council of this Church.

She was past president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and a director of the National Women's Auxiliary, American Medical Association.

The entire hospital family extends sincere sympathy to Dr. Root and his children.

FILLING RUSH ORDERS for Valentine's Day at the Flower Shop were Mrs. Sheldon E. Wardwell, President of the Friends of the Deaconess, and Mrs. Richard H. Overholt, a member of the board of directors.

FRATERNITY HAZING took on a new look as Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledges from Boston University scrubbed the Palmer Memorial Lobby. (photo by J. Coyne)

HOUSEKEEPING NOT A CHORE

The hospital was recently the scene of a fraternity hazing when Sigma Alpha Epsilon pledges came here to strip and wax floors and scrub stairs.

Pails, cloths, and brushes awaited the eleven Boston University students when they arrived here, led by David Harber, vice-president of the fraternity, who assured them that "housekeeping need not be a chore."

An efficient plan of operation for stairs, the "platoon system," had been devised by Mrs. Mary L. Allen, Executive Housekeeper. With four men to a group, number one brushed with a damp cloth, two scrubbed with a "pony" (small scrubbing machine), number three followed with clear cold water and rinsed, four acted as "water boy," going back and forth with clean water for his teammates, and number one retraced his steps with a damp clean cloth and non-skid plastic.

The other group, working with Michael Foley, stripped and waxed floors in Palmer.

Refreshments were served in the cafeteria at the end of the evening's work.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon is just one of a number of national fraternities that request help from the Red Feather Volunteer Service Bureau in setting up pledge projects. According to Miss Harriet Parker, director of the Bureau, "We are getting away from wasteful and destructive initiations. The trend today is toward helpful, worthwhile activity."

It is the policy of Sigma Alpha Epsilon to contact the Red Feather Bureau two or three times a year to offer their services. Another project they have is an annual Christmas Dance for the girls from Perkins Institute for the Blind.

"Boston University is very enthusiastic about these fraternity activities because they have value for the individual student as well as the people they serve," said John F. McKenzie, Dean of Men. "We are proud that the initiative to do volunteer work stems from the boys themselves, with no pressure from the University," he added.

ARMY PROMOTES DR. MARBLE

Dr. Alexander Marble of the Deaconess staff has been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in the U. S. Army Reserve and appointed commanding officer of the 804th Hospital Center.

PINNING

The following girls have received their pins upon completion of 1095 days in the School of Nursing. Congratulations!

Barbara Carlson
Ann Irwin
Doris Nicoll
Carol Stearns
Janet Thompson

Miss Jane Tucker from Radcliffe College Management Training Program is doing her field work at Deaconess Hospital. She is assisting Mrs. Heather Stykolt on the work simplification program.

Miss Arlene Kaplan, a student at Boston University School of Social work, is doing her field work placement in the Social Service Department of the Deaconess.

Dr. Shields Warren recently gave a series of lectures at the University of Puerto Rico to the Puerto Rico Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Edwina Woodman, Supervisor, Hospital Service Corps, to John G. Schuler. Mr. Schuler is at Harvard University. A summer wedding is planned.

Miss Nancy Jean Welford, '55, to Kenneth Francis Paredis, USN. Mr. Paredis is serving aboard the USS Slinan, stationed in Key West, Florida.

Miss Patricia Fairclough, Personnel office, to Edward M. Sandford of the Boston Bruins. A spring wedding is planned.

Miss Patricia E. Harris, '54, to James Upson. A graduate of Amherst College, Mr. Upson is a student at Harvard Medical School. The wedding will take place on April 24.

Miss Anna F. Anderson, '53, to Robert Hartwell Gabine. Mr. Gabine, a graduate of Boston University, College of Business Administration, is an advertising executive.

WEDDINGS

Miss Jane Theresa Proulx, staff Nurse, to Anthony Jerome Strazzeri. Mr. Strazzeri is a student at Tufts Medical School.

BLESSED EVENT

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Clifford Fisher who welcomed Paul Wesley, their fourth child, on February 17th.

BOWLING SCORES
February 20, 1954

Team No.		*Points*
3	Mr. Sabine	46
9	Mr. Spalding	45
7	Miss Hankinson	43
4	Mr. Emery	38
8	Mr. Lowry	38
6	Mr. Fisher	38
10	Mr. Bettinelli	36
1	Dr. Cook	36
5	Miss Nihart	34
2	Miss Newton	25
High Singles for February		17
	Jean Gordon	107
	Fletcher Osgood, Jr.	129
High Singles for the Year		
	Ina Foster	115
	Fletcher Osgood, Jr.	129
High 3-String Totals for the Year		
	Arlene Hunt	304
	Charles Schraub	327
High Average for the Year		
	Jean Gordon	92
	Charles Schraub	96.3

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